

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

(By Senators Browning, Green, Stollings, Plymale, Klempa and
Yost)

Requesting the Division of Highways name County Routes 1 and 3,
excluding that section of County Route 1 between mileposts
4.62 and 4.84, between Jesse and Glen Rogers in Wyoming County
the "Glen Rogers Coal Miner Memorial Highway".

Whereas, The community of Glen Rogers was the site of the
first major coal mine in Wyoming County, having opened in 1921 and
reaching highs of employment of nearly 1,000 men and annual
production of nearly one million tons of coal annually during the
1930's and 1940's before it was closed in 1960; and

Whereas, Glen Rogers was home to several prominent
individuals, including William C. Marland, Governor of West
Virginia from 1953 to 1957; and

Whereas, Sadly, coal production at Glen Rogers came at the
cost of 160 working fatalities, including four disasters; and

Whereas, A methane gas explosion November 6, 1923, killed 27
men, the worst accident of any kind in Wyoming County history; and

Whereas, Five workers died September 23, 1922, when equipment
fell on them during construction of the mine's 720-foot deep shaft;

1 eight lives were lost in an underground explosion January 6, 1931;
2 and a roof fall claimed the lives of five miners on December 9,
3 1957; and

4 Whereas, It is fitting that tribute be paid to both the
5 sacrifices and contributions of the coal miners and residents of
6 this area of Wyoming County; therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

8 That the Legislature hereby requests the Division of Highways
9 name County Routes 1 and 3, excluding that section of County Route
10 1 between mileposts 4.62 and 4.84, between Jesse and Glen Rogers in
11 Wyoming County the "Glen Rogers Coal Miner Memorial Highway"; and,
12 be it

13 *Further Resolved,* That the Division of Highways is hereby
14 requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the highway
15 as the "Glen Rogers Coal Miner Memorial Highway"; and, be it

16 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby
17 directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of
18 the Department of Transportation and to the Wyoming County
19 Historical Museum in Oceana.